

REMARKS

In the Office action, claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Boyer (US 6,647,947). Claims 2 and 4-7 were objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim and claims 8-10 were allowed.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the additional subject matter of canceled claim 2 that was indicated as comprising allowable matter, which should render claim 1 allowable. A minor amendment to improve clarity has also been made.

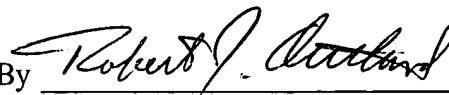
Claim 3 is believed allowable by reason of dependency from allowable claim 1.

Claim 4 is amended to depend from claim 3 and claims 5-7 depend from claim 1, all of which should now be allowable.

In summary, claim 2 is canceled, claims 1 and 3-7 are now believed allowable and are offered for reconsideration, and claims 8-10 are allowed.

This amendment is believed to be fully responsive to the issues raised in the Office Action and to place this case in condition for allowance. Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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